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Claim 5 has been amended to correct the dependency as follows

Claim 5. The method of claim 1 wherein the parameter identifying a unique priority level comprises a network identification of the first computer.

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1 a previous operation parameter comprising a parameter identifying a second  
2 operation that was executed by the other computer prior to execution of the  
3 first operation, a second execution stage parameter identifying an operational  
4 stage at which said second operation was executed at the other computer, and  
5 an identity of a computer originating said second operation.

6 18. The system of claim 17 wherein the local state module comprises stored instructions to  
7 configure the processor to:  
8 compare the current operation parameter and the previous operation parameter to data  
9 maintained by the local state module indicating a current execution stage of the  
10 system with respect to manipulations of the first data object and a last operation  
11 effecting the first data object;  
12 instruct the consistency module to update the first data objects by performing an  
13 operation identified by the current operation parameter when the system is at a correct  
14 execution stage;  
15 store the synchronization message in a waiting list when the system is at an earlier  
16 execution stage than that identified by the first execution stage parameter; and  
17 delete from the waiting list a synchronization message having a lower execution priority  
18 and a same first execution stage parameter value as for the synchronization message  
19 and a same second execution stage parameter value as for the synchronization  
20 message.